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In re Application of:	Tracee Eidenschink and The Tran
Application No.:	10/657472
Filed:	September 8, 2003
For:	Rotating Balloon Expandable Sheath Bifurcation Delivery
Group Art Unit:	3731

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Docket No.: S63.2H-11273-US01

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 2 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached: 4 page Information Disclosure Statement; 5 pages of references, 75 references and post card.
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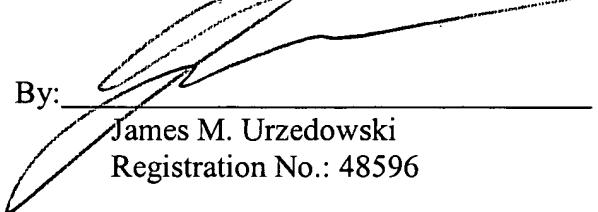
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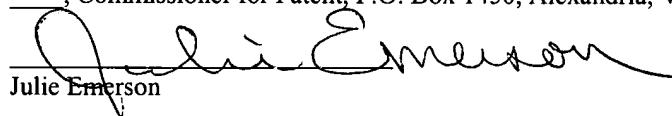
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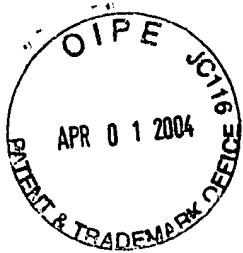

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Listed below or on an attached form listing the cited references and/or a copy of a PTO-892 form is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed publication, U.S. patent, foreign patent and U.S. patent application is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, *except that* U.S. applications from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, and documents cited in such priority applications, may be omitted from the enclosures pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). Applicant's submission of copies of U.S. applications does not constitute a waiver of the confidentiality of such applications. As such, **Applicant requests that any copies of unpublished US applications submitted herewith be excluded from the file wrapper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.14.**

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If the form listing the cited references or PTO-892 from a prior application is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is prior art, or is or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

Applications that are listed on the accompanying form listing the cited references as related by priority are related by priority claim under 35 USC §120. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of cited art in a previous application(s) to which priority was claimed need be submitted. Applicant is providing copies of the form listing the cited references and/or 892 forms from these cases.

I. This statement qualifies as a no-fee Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) or otherwise because to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney it is being filed (check all that apply):

- (1) within 3 months of the filing date of the application (other than a CPA); or
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- (1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; or
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 I hereby certify, under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the date of the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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For the purpose of this certification, Applicant considers the PCT International Search Authority to constitute a foreign patent office.



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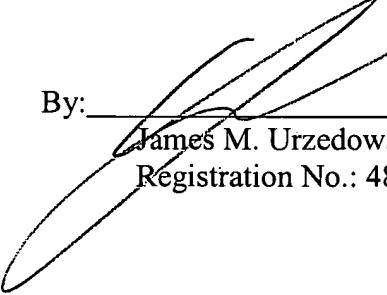
**Information Disclosure Statement
Attorney Docket No. S63.2B-11273-US01**

If this Information Disclosure Statement has been submitted without the appropriate box checked, Applicant requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered nevertheless if it is timely submitted under any of the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 or otherwise. Finally, if any petition is necessary to ensure consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant requests that this be treated as such a petition.

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